

MEETING SUMMARY

FOREST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (FMAC)

DNR Gaylord Operations Service Center
1732 West M-32
Gaylord, Michigan

Monday, July 17, 2006

FMAC Members Present

Mr. Steven Arwood, Arwood Group
Ms. Lynne Boyd, Department of Natural Resources
Mr. William "Bill" Cook, Michigan State University Extension
Mr. Thomas Dunn, American Motorcycle Association
Ms. Susan Holben, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
Mr. Dan Keathley, Michigan State University
Mr. William "Bill" Manson, Michigan Snowmobile Association
Mr. Warren Suchovsky, Suchovsky Logging
Mr. Sam Washington, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC)
Ms. Anne Woiwode, Sierra Club Mackinac Chapter

FMAC Members Absent

Mr. William Bobier, Earthscape Resource Management
Mr. Joel Blohm, Breath Northern Lumber of Michigan
Mr. Leland Crawford, International Paper
Ms. Margaret "Peg" Gale, Michigan Technological University
Mr. Desmond Jones, Michigan Tree Farm System
Mr. Frank Ruswick, Department of Environmental Quality
Mr. Mark Janke, Janke Consulting
Mr. Gordon Wenk, Michigan Department of Agriculture

FMAC COMMITTEE ADVISORS PRESENT

Ms. Leanne Marten, USDA Forest Service

FMAC DELEGATES PRESENT

Mr. Steve Shine, Michigan Department of Agriculture

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Kerry Gray

PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Mr. George Berghorn, Michigan Forests Products Council

WELCOME

Lynne Boyd welcomed FMAC members and guests and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Lynne Boyd gave an overview of the meeting agenda and field trip

Committee members unanimously approved agenda.

MEETING SUMMARY

Warren Suchovsky moved to approve Wednesday, June 7, 2006 FMAC Meeting Summary. Supported by **Steve Arwood**. Meeting Summary unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

GAFMPs REVIEW AND FINAL COMMENT

Lynne Boyd provided the timeline for GAFMPs recommendations to be brought before the Natural Resources Commission (NRC). The GAFMPs will be provided as information only at the September 2006 NRC meeting and will be approved/adopted at the October 2006 NRC meeting. There is a possibility that the GAFMPs could go to subcommittee following the September NRC meeting. **Lynne** asked for several FMAC members to volunteer to attend the NRC meetings when the GAFMPs will be addressed, **Thomas Dunn, Warren Suchovsky** and **Steve Arwood** volunteered. **Lynne** will let them know which meeting they will need to attend.

FMAC members discussed and provided final changes to the GAFMPs document. **Sam Washington** moved to approve the GAFMPs with changes and deliver to the NRC with the recommendation for adoption. Supported by **Steve Arwood**. **Kerry Gray** will make changes and will email final document that will go to the NRC to FMAC members.

FMAC members then discussed how the NRC approved GAFMPs will be distributed. Ideas for distribution included internet, CD's, press releases, letters to conservation districts and legislators, creation of a pamphlet/booklet by MSUE/DNR. Several members expressed concern that the promotion of the product be specific to the Right to Forest Act and not necessarily the practices contained in the GAFMPs.

NEW BUSINESS

Suggestions on DNR and timber harvests

The NRC is looking to find ways for the DNR to be a better neighbor when conducting timber harvests/sales, **Lynne Boyd** led a discussion to receive suggestions from FMAC members. An important issue that was brought up was that since DNR timber contracts are 2-3 years, it can sometimes be difficult to know when a contractor will be on the site to do harvest activities, and therefore can be difficult to provide stakeholders and adjacent property owners with a timeline of activities.

Anne Woiwode suggested that a sign be placed on the site that states “This site is under a timber contract, please contact the local DNR office at... for more information.” Several members commented that many times the signs that are placed on sites are shot up or stolen, and are costly to replace. Members agreed while this is a challenge, signs can still be very effective and should be used.

Warren Suchovsky suggested the DNR place a map on their web site that shows areas where compartment reviews are occurring and locations where active logging jobs are occurring. He also suggested that a statement as to why the timber is being put up for sale would also be helpful to know.

Leanne Martin suggested that public media should be used based on the demographics of the people who visit the site(s).

State Forest Plan

FMAC members will be invited to a stakeholder meeting in Lansing (location to be determined) on Wednesday, August 23 to participate in a facilitated meeting to get comments on the State Forest Plan.

NEXT MEETING AND SELECTION OF UPCOMING DATES/LOCATIONS

There is no meeting scheduled for August.

Next meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Michigan United Conservation Clubs office, Lansing

Two major agenda items:

- State Forest Plan- each FMAC member will receive a CD of the State Forest Plan and a letter about how to provide comments when it is released on July 24. At the September meeting David Price (DNR-FMFM) will provide a summary of public comment.
- Modified fee schedule for state forest campgrounds. Jim Radabaugh (DNR-FMFM) has been working on this and would like to present it to FMAC.

October meeting date has not been set. Agenda items for this meeting include: revisions to the Best Management Practices (BMP) manual and follow-up/discussion of field trip.

Business meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

FMAC members took a tour of the Jordan Valley with DNR forestry technician, Kim Lentz, and DNR forester, Greg Gatesy from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.